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SF T-1 on April 22, 1968, advised that Freds Launags a week previously contacted source requesting that a meeting be arranged. As source was unavailable, the meeting did not take place. SF T-1 learned that Launags was then residing in the Bay Area and had last been in this region in July, 1967, where he knows a large number of people.

Last year Launags, uninvited, contacted SF T-1 and requested assistance in publishing some poems. At that time SF T-1 learned Launags was then a gardener in Portland, Oregon. SF T-1 advised that Launags is well spoken, has an apparently high standard of education, but may be emotionally unstable.

SF T-1 on April 23, 1968, advised he learned that Launags was then residing in care of E. M. Vinerts, 1060 Dolores Street, San Francisco.

SF T-2 on April 30, 1968, advised that on April 26, 1968, Launags was observed visiting Latvian Hall in San Francisco in the company of a local Latvian minister.

SF T-2 on May 28, 1968, advised that Launags on May 19 and 26, 1968, attended Latvian church services in San Francisco. SF T-2 advised Launags planned to be in the San Francisco Bay Area for approximately three weeks more, after which he would be leaving this region.

SF T-3 on June 20, 1968, advised that Launags on June 19, 1968, was fired from his job on the working staff of the Bohemian Club in San Francisco. SF T-3 advised that Launags has been residing for some time at the residence of Edwards Vinerts, 1060 Dolores Street, San Francisco.

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Edwards Vinerts, 1060 Dolores Street, San Francisco, on June 25, 1968, advised a Special Agent of the FBI that during the summer of 1967, Launags visited the Vinerts' residence and introduced himself to Vinerts on the basis that Launags' wife had been a student of Vinerts in Latvia. At that time he indicated he had obtained temporary employment at the Oakland Airport. He shortly thereafter left the San Francisco Bay Area and went to Los Angeles. Launags, having written a letter requesting sleeping accommodations from Los Angeles, came to stay at the Vinerts' residence at the end of April, 1968. At that time he indicated he had been fired from his job as night watchman in Los Angeles as he had said something his boss did not like. Launags obtained employment at the Bohemian Club, but was fired from there on June 19, 1968, as he had apparently made the error of dismissing another employee whom he had been under the impression was working for him. At approximately the same time he left the Vinerts' residence and obtained a room at 69 Fairoaks, San Francisco.

On June 20, 1968, he became involved in an argument with Mrs. Vinerts and rushed out of the Vinerts' residence in a state of emotional upset. Vinerts described Launags as unstable in manner, generally arrogant, and under the apparent impression that he is better than others. On several occasions he mentioned to the Vinerts that he had been employed with CIA in Berlin. According to Vinerts, Launags is childlike in his relations with others and inclined to move about a good deal. While in San Francisco he translated a number of Latvian folk songs into English, which work Vinerts described as amateurish. He had no close friends to Vinerts knowledge. He indicated to Vinerts that he had had no luck in San Francisco and was leaving, possibly for Los Angeles.

Mrs. Maria DeMara, 60 Fairoaks, San Francisco, on June 25, 1968, advised a Special Agent of the FBI that on June 22, 1968, Launags suddenly, without notice, left his room at that address and stated he was taking a plane for Los Angeles. He left no forwarding address. According to DeMara, Launags was arrogant, impolite and unfriendly generally in manner and had no friends.

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Ronald Hoffman of the same address verified the information concerning Launags' general mannerisms and that he had left for Los Angeles.

Mrs. Hazel Parnella of the same address recalled Launags had worked for the Bohemian Club, described him as "peculiar" and stated she understood he had returned to Los Angeles.

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